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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON THE ANTICIPATED TIME, PLACE,
AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF
THE ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE E AND F
COMMITTEE ITSELF.

2. TRADE AND INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE: THE TRADE SUB-
COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 3:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 23, IN ROOM 4830 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INDUSTRY AND TRADE
FRANK A WEIL WILL SERVE AS U.S. CHAIRMAN, AND
REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND FROM COMMERCE, STATE, TREASURY,
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AND EXIM BANK. EVEN THOUGH THE U.S. ATTENDANCE WILL BE
SOMEWHAT LARGE, WE HOPE TO KEEP THE MEETING FAIRLY INFOR-
MAL, WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT BEING ABLE TO SPEAK
TO THE TOPICS OF U.S.-IRAN TRADE LEVELS, THE DILLON
CONTRACT, THE IRAN-U.S. BUSINESS COUNCIL, GSP, AND EXIM
BANK'S RECENT TRIP TO IRAN. TO ACCOMMODATE IRANIAN

INTEREST IN ELECTRONICS, U.S. SIDE PROPOSES THAT TRADE SUB-COMMITTEE BE REDESIGNATED TRADE AND INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE AND BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ELECTRONICS. PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON THIS SUBJECT FOR MINUTES/COMMUNIQUE CAN THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.

3. HOUSING WORKING GROUP: HUD AND COMMERCE MEMBERS OF HOUSING WORKING GROUP WILL MEET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER AFROUZ AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, IN ROOM 2124 OF HUD (300 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE SW). MRS. TILA HANCOCK, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF HUD, WILL CHAIR FOR THE U.S. AS FAR AS PROCEDURES ARE CONCERNED, U.S. SIDE PLANS TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS BETWEEN U.S. AND IRANIAN SIDES AND GATHER INFORMATION ON INITIATIVES IRAN WOULD LIKE TO TAKE IN HOUSING FIELD.

4. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE: THIS SUBCOMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN ROOM 10228 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (400 7TH STREET SW) AT 3:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23. CHESTER DAVENPORT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WILL CHAIR FOR THE U.S. SIDE. AS WITH HOUSING WORKING GROUP, U.S. SIDE CONSIDERS THIS TO BE PRIMARILY INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AND APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY NEW INITIATIVES IRAN WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE.

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5: HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE: DR. JOHN JENNINGS, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, WILL CHAIR THIS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE U.S. SIDE. MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 IN ROOM 525A OF HUMPHREY BUILDING OF HEW, 200 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE. REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION, PHARMACEUTICAL PLANTS, UNIVERSITY COOPERATION, AND SOCIAL SECURITY TOTALIZATION. THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ALSO HOPES TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH NEGHBAT TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

6. THE FULL E AND F COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 11:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 IN ROOM 5851 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. DR. SIDNEY HARMAN, UNDERSECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WILL CHAIR MEETING FOR U.S. SIDE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT EACH SUB-COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN WILL REPORT ON HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 21-23.

7. TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING FIRST NAMES OR INITIALS OF DEPUTY MINISTERS AFROUZ AND ATIFI, AND AN IDEA OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES OF AFROUZ, ATIFI, AND MOADI.

8. RE APPOINTMENTS WITH PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS, ELI LILLY HAS EXPRESSED DEFINITE INTEREST IN MEETING WITH DR. ARAM ON AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 21. CAGNE IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE APPOINTMENT POSSIBILITY WITH PFIZER AND UPJOHN. VANCE

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